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LAND CONSERVATION IN THE DARBY CREEK WATERSHED
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The Darby Creek Land Conservancy (DCLC) is a new land trust seeking to establish itself as a major contributor to a Greenways program within the Darby Creek Watershed. The DCLC was founded in 1997 by a small group of residents that include retired business executives, local elected officials, environmentalists and members of the agricultural community. DCLC is being assisted in their efforts by Ohio State University Extension, The Nature Conservancy, Franklin County Metro Parks, the Darby Creek Association and Operation Future Association.

It may be a year or two before the DCLC acquires their first conservation easement. However, that does not mean that efforts to preserve and protect the watershed are not already underway. The Nature Conservancy, NRCS, Metro-Parks and ODNR are currently collaborating on an ambitious plan to protect the creek. This effort is targeting corridor lands along both Big and Little Darby Creeks from the headwaters near Marysville to the confluence with the Scioto River near Circleville.

This plan involves protection of corridor lands along Big and Little Darby Creeks through the purchase of land and conservation easements from willing sellers and voluntary protection agreements, such as participation in the USDA's Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources (ODNR), Natureworks, and Scenic Rivers Programs.

The benefits of protecting corridor lands along the Darby Creeks will be improved water quality, enhanced habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species, reduced flooding and subsequent damage to property and crops and reduced soil erosion.

The DCLC will play an important role in the future by partnering with these other organizations and agencies. Especially by protecting areas outside of the corridor and areas not eligible for WRP. By helping to protect farmland and encouraging conservation practices conservation easements held by DCLC will greatly reduce the pressures that urbanization will place on the creeks.

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CABLE SERVICE

Brown Township has contracted with Paxton Cable Television for service to the township over ten years. At that time, Paxton was the only cable company offering to service the entire township. If you experience problems with your cable service from Paxton, please let the township trustees know of your concerns in writing or feel free to call them. The trustees want to be informed if there are problems with the cable service to the residents.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

Norwich Township Fire Dept.

Asst. Chief David Long

Month.....	Fire.Runs...	EMS.Runs
June-July.....	6.....	12
July-August.....	7.....	16
August-Sept.....	4.....	8
Totals.....	17.....	36

Franklin County Sheriff's Dept.

Deputy Reed

Month.....	Stolen Property Value...	Damaged Property Value
June.....	\$15,845.00.....	\$ 1,150.00
July.....	\$ 2,399.00.....	\$ 1,000.00
August.....	\$ 5,370.00.....	\$ 9,150.00
Total.....	\$23,614.00.....	\$11,300.00